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Jackie R. Gust et al.)	
Serial No. 09/480,044)	
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For ELECTRIC DRIVE)	Examiner
RIDING MOWER)	

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The prior art patent newly cited herein may be briefly summarized as follows:

U.S. Patent 4,964,265 to Young discloses a mower having a pair of rear drive wheels 25 and a pair of steerable front wheels 40. Each rear drive wheel 25 is powered by a DC elec-

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tric motor 30 that is connected to the drive wheel 25 through a gear reduction device 35. As shown in Fig. 5, drive motors 30 are powered by a hybrid electric drive system comprising a pair of batteries 95 and a generator 97. See also Col. 3, Lines 32-36 of Young which state as follows:

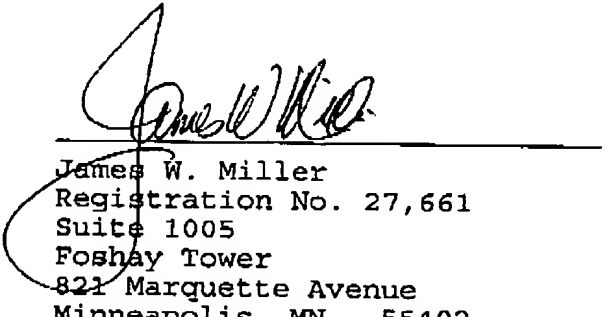
"Two six-volt, nine ampere rechargeable batteries connected in parallel have been found to be adequate for a typical household mower. A generator 97 powered by the engine 15 may be provided to charge the batteries 95." (Emphasis Added)

A copy of the Young patent is attached hereto.

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